

Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council

Mrs Dawn Barrow

Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 15 November 2023 at 7.30 pm.

Present

Churt Councillors: Julian Spence (acting Chair), Stephen Wright, Mike Shorthose, Myra Johnson, Pippa Harrison,

Surrey County Council: 1 (David Harmer part)

Waverley Borough Council: 2 (David Munro, James Staunton part)

Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow

Members of the Public: Richard Nobbs, Richard Bourne, Rev. Helen Hancock

23/106 Welcome

Cllr Spence as acting Chair welcomed all to the meeting and invited the visitors to speak.

Richard Nobbs provided an update on Farnborough. Deadline for comments to Rushmoor is 4 December (changed to 17 Dec post meeting). He is coordinating with other parish and town councils and if necessary will employ a planning consultant. There are some minor changes to the application but the number of flights and weighting will stay the same. David Munro commented Farnborough are trying to smooth out the peaks and troughs of their expansion plans. However they still want to achieve 70,000 flights annually by 2040.

However the weak point in their application is on the basis of 'need'. There is only a speculative growth of 4% in aviation.

Churt and Tilford both concerned with overflying.

Gatwick's expansion plans have garnered engagement from 9 authorities. Can we do the same for Farnborough?

Cllr David Lewis is the Surrey rep on the FACC. Any comments made should be based on planning considerations.

Cllr Harmer advised that he had not been too well and would be having an operation in the New Year. We wished him well for a speedy recovery.

Cllr Munro stated he would convene a meeting with SCC about the state of 2 of the bus stops in Churt.

The Green Lane planning application had received 19 objections and would therefore be called before planning committee. However 70% of the WBC planning staff are interim with a high turnover of staff.

Guildford and Waverley share a joint management team and will collaborate further in other fields.

The Churt community centre will now be demolished and redeveloped as affordable housing as per a planning application approved some time ago.

Cllrs Harmer, Munro and Staunton left the meeting.

23/107 Apologies for absence

Cllrs S Shorthose, Raeside, Morgan and Martin

23/108 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

Cllr Spence reminded the Parish Council that he sits on the WBC planning subcommittee and as such cannot comment on planning applications relating to Churt.

23/109 Minutes of the meeting of 18 October 2023

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2023 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Johnson, **seconded** by Cllr Harrison.

23/110 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) **First interim audit took place 1 Nov**
- 2) **Churt Heritage have paid user group contribution of £175**
- 3) **£5000 transferred internally from Lloyds deposit to current account 6 Nov 2023**

23/111 Report from the Environment Committee (JS)

Churt hosted the interparish climate meeting and environment group on 8 November and ran it as a hybrid meeting with 5 people attending via Zoom. 12 parishes were represented including Frensham and Elstead for the first time. Claire Upton-Brown the new head of planning at WBC also attended. She spoke about issues with tree felling before planning applications are submitted, plus environmental and biodiversity check lists. Planning officers will now be allocated to specific geographical areas.

All parishes have now responded to the Farnborough consultation.

They have formed a small working party to look into the future of the group.

2 requests came from the meeting: 1) Road Safety Strategy has been postponed. We need to write to SCC to reinstate this. **Proposed** by Cllr Johnson, **seconded** by Cllr M Shorthose, **all in favour**.

Cllr M Shorthose asked if this was linked to the Central Government policy regarding 20MPH zones? Plus does it dovetail in with SCC's Road Safety Team survey?

2) The committee were approached by Zero Hour to ask if we would support the Climate and Ecology Bill? This has its second reading in late Nov. Focuses on the achievement of Net Zero and national commitment to it. Should we agree the motion they have put forward? Cllr Johnson stated that much of this aligns with our Climate Charter passed in 2020.

Proposed by Cllr Spence, **Seconded** by Cllr Johnson and agreed by all.

Cllr Johnson mentioned that Autumn Nature News has been published.

23/111.1 Village centre (MS)

Cllr Shorthose asked if George Woods could cut down the branches overhanging the zebra crossing.

The coffee van which parks adjacent to the Churt Club have put up an advertising board by the war memorial when they are in situ. Need to keep an eye on passing sales parking. There was a complaint about a Dottie Tots staff member parking in the disabled bay adjacent to the village hall. This has now been rectified.

23/111.2 Roads and Transport (PH)

Cllr Harrison has received a message from the school parents that there will be a speed watch in January. St Mary's Frensham School are also very concerned about speeding traffic.

23/111.3 Crime and Disorder

Abandoned car on Rec. reported to WBC and removed.

There was a recent incident at the top of Parkhurst Fields requiring armed police.

A Police representative should be attending January's meeting.

23/112 Financial Matters

23/112.1 Payments for authorisation - October 2023

October's accounts were **proposed** by Cllr M Shorthose, **Seconded** by Cllr Wright and **agreed** by all.

23/112.2 Budget Update and Income report - October 2023

Noted.

23/112.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500

2 Oct - Dawn Barrow - £1419.88 - Clerk's Sept salary

16 Oct - HMRC - £2016.23 - Employer's tax and NI

27 Oct - Dawn Barrow - £1419.88 - Clerk's Oct salary

23/112.4 Budget meeting to take place late November

23/112.5 Interim internal report was noted and approved together with the dates of the exercise of public rights.

23/112.6 Clerk's back pay award as advised by NALC.

Proposed by Cllr Harrison, **seconded** by Cllr M Shorthose and **agreed** by all.

23/113.1 -To note and comment on current planning applications

Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Johnson.

Land on Green Lane - response submitted to WBC after updating the point about road safety if 2 additional properties are built. If the PIP is approved, a subsequent planning application would need an ecologist's report if, as suggested, there is a badger's set close by.

WA/2023/02363 Ashby House, Star Hill - 2018 application approved for an extension, on the condition they would demolish the utility room. They are now asking to withdraw this condition. No comments to make - this is a matter for determination by Waverley planning officers.

Taylor's Cottage, Churt Rd, - The application is for a modest single storey extension, alterations to existing roof line facing south west and timber outbuilding to form a home office. No grounds for objection.

23/114 Adoption of insurance, standing orders, financial regulations, scheme of delegation and risk assessments for 2023/2024 as being fit for purpose (sent in advance of meeting)

Proposed by Cllr M Shorthose, **seconded** by Cllr Johnson, **all in favour**. Note: Financial Regulations included a typo which will be corrected and approved at December's meeting.

23/115 Farnborough

We have registered our interest to respond to Gatwick's expansion plans. Richard Nobbs hopes to get documents ready by 27 November. Cllrs Spence and Johnson will review.

23/116 Gigaclear (MJ)

Cllr Johnson met project manager from Gigaclear. Originally the pavilion, Redhearn fields and Old Kiln Close were not included in their scope of works. Now looking at potential rerouting options.

23/117 Village Cheer and Councillors' Xmas meal

Invites have been sent out for VC. Churt Heritage will put an information board up. Clerk will try to find a date for Xmas meal.

Other matters

None

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.15pm . There then followed a meeting of the Churt Recreation Ground Trust (See separate Minutes).

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Signed:

Date:

Chairman

The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Churt Recreation Ground Trust will be held on **Wednesday 20 December 2023 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.**